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EXPERT SEMINAR

**Reinforcing social rights protection in Europe:
to achieve greater unity and equality**

**STRASBOURG, 19 SEPTEMBER 2019
COUNCIL OF EUROPE, AGORA G03**

08h30	Registration of participants
9h	<p>Welcome addresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ambassador Jean-Baptiste MATTEI, Permanent Representative of France to the Council of Europe</i> • <i>Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe</i> <p>Introduction</p> <p>Strengthening social rights to ensure social justice, national cohesion and the rule of law, guarantors of the sustainability of democratic societies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>José FERNANDEZ-ALBERTOS, Researcher at Institute for Policies and Public Goods, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)</i>

<p>9h45 – 11h15</p>	<p><u>Round table 1</u></p> <p><i>Consolidating social progress and responding to contemporary challenges in Europe</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Joseph FABER, President of the Governmental Committee of the Social Charter and the European Code of Social Security (GC)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The action of the European Committee of Social Rights for equality and inclusiveness <i>Eliane CHEMLA, General Rapporteur of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)</i> • Social rights in time of changes in the world of work <i>Stefan CLAUWAERT, Senior Legal and Human Rights Advisor, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)</i> • The need for social justice in time of rising populism <i>Apostolos VLACHOGIANNIS, Research Associate Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights</i>
<p>11h15 – 11h45</p>	<p>Coffee break <i>(served in the hall in front of the meeting room)</i></p>
<p>11h45 – 13h15</p>	<p><u>Round table 2</u></p> <p><i>Strengthening the effectiveness of social rights in Europe</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Giuseppe PALMISANO, President of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the training of national judges and legal professionals on the European Social Charter <i>Elise BARBE, Legal Counselor at the French Court of Cassation</i> • Improving the implementation of social rights and increasing their impact: the reform of the monitoring mechanisms <i>Vít SCHORM, Chairperson of the Drafting Group on Social Rights of the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH-SOC)</i> • The appropriation of ECSR decisions by national authorities (political leaders, social partners, judicial authorities) <i>Mélanie SCHMITT, Senior Lecturer in Social Law University of Strasbourg</i>
<p>13h15 – 14h45</p>	<p>Lunch <i>(served in the hall in front of the meeting room)</i></p>

14h45 – 16h15	<p><u>Round table 3</u></p> <p><i>Developing synergies between the European Social Charter and European Union law</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ioannis DIMITRAKOPOULOS, Scientific Advisor of the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union (FRA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The European Social Charter, a reference for the European Pillar of Social Rights <i>Rudi DELARUE, Deputy Head of Unit of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</i> • Coexistence between European standards protecting rights <i>Olivier DE SCHUTTER, Professor of International Law at the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium), member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</i> • Interpreting standards and their impact on the economy and business <i>Marcello PALAZZI, Co-Founder, B Lab Europe & Global Ambassador B Corps</i>
16h15 – 16h45	Coffee break <i>(served in the hall in front of the meeting room)</i>
16h45 – 17h15	<p>Conclusions</p> <p><i>Luis JIMENA QUESADA, Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Valencia (Spain), former President of the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR)</i></p>
17h15	Closing of the event

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